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FOLLOWING CABLE DRAFTED IN AMCONSULATE RIO DE JANEIRO:

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, TECH, BR, MNUC

SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY FURNAS OFFICIAL ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

1. ECON/COML OFFICER MET WITH DAVID SIMON, TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT OF FURNAS CENTRAIS ELECTRICAS, MORNING 24 MAY. PURPOSE OF CALL TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR USICA SPONSORED VISIT TO BRAZIL BY DOE OFFICIAL, ARTHUR J. WARNER. DURING CONVERSATION, SIMON RAISED ISSUE OF CONDITIONAL FUEL CONTRACTS FOR ANGRA II AND III REACTORS, NOTING THAT CURRENT EXTENSION WAS DUE TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30. SIMON COMMENTED THAT CONDITIONAL NATURE OF CONTRACTS SHOULD BE SETTLED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, SINCE SERIES OF EXTENSIONS EVERY TWO MONTHS WAS BECOMING CUMBERSOME. SIMON MADE REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE VISIT TO BRAZIL OF AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH IN JUNE, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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HOPED THAT CONTRACTS WOULD BE A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION, ADDING IN STRONG TERMS THAT UNITED STATES SHOULD DECIDE NOW, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, ON ANGRA II AND III CONTRACTS.

2. CONGEN OFFICER QUERIED SIMON ON CURRENT STATUS OF ANGRA I. SIMON COMMENTED THAT, FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER 31 FIRE, ANGRA I SITUATION WAS WELL UNDER CONTROL, WITH

REPLACEMENTS DESTROYED DURING THE FIRE HAVING BEEN ORDERED. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH ANGRA I TIMETABLE WAS APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE, OVERALL TIMETABLE WAS WELL WITHIN CURRENT WORLD AVERAGE OF EIGHT YEARS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF REACTORS OF THIS TYPE. SAYRE

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